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25(new). The composition of Claim 19, wherein said absorbent layer comprises a plurality of hydrophobic barriers, said hydrophobic barriers defining said cells.

26(new). The composition of Claim 19 wherein said absorbent layer further comprises a hydrophobic layer bonded to said top surface of said absorbent layer, said hydrophobic layer having a plurality of pores therethrough, said pores allowing liquid spilled on said hydrophobic layer to penetrate said hydrophobic layer and be absorbed by said absorbent layer.

27(new). The composition of Claim 19 wherein said electrostatically charged layer is bonded to said absorbent layer.

28(new). The composition of Claim 19 wherein said absorbent layer being divided into a plurality of cells for containing liquid spilled on said absorbent layer.

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the above new claims do not introduce new matter into the application. The commissioner is authorized to charge the fees for the claims in excess of 20 to deposit account 24-0424. An authorization to charge fees to this deposit account was filed with the above-identified patent application.

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